





THE WISE GUYS

in "JUST BETWEEN US DUMMIES"







HUH! WITH YOUR LUCK YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHEN IT MAY COME IN HANDY! YOU'D BREAK IF I BROKE MY FOOT THE WRONG FOOT! NO LISE ANDIT WAS IN A ARGUING, CAST, THEN I COULD WEAR THAT SCARE CROW, YOU'VE, GOT TO PITCH THIS THE OTHER POOT AS FOR THE VIOLIN CASE. STUFF OUT!



GEE, IT'S A START SOME KINDOF USEFUL COLLECTION, INSTEAD!
IVE BEEN COLLECTING FOR SO LONG!

















G..GOSH! GIMME THE PHONE QUICK!





THEM FROM GETTING
THEM FROM GETTING
AWAY... BUT NOT TO
RISK OUR LIVES!
HE'LL COME AS
FAST AS HE
CAN!
TILL WE GET BACK!

CURLY AND I WILL LET

THE SHERIFF SAID















































YES, BOYS, HE AND HIS PAL





The LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "CAN'T SHOOT YOU FOR TRYING"

THERE MUST BE A RULE AGAINST A THING LIKE THAT! YOU SAID IT! HOW ABOUT IT, UMP? HE CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THAT STUFF, CAN HE? I CAN'T FIND A THING IN THIS RULE BOOK AGAINST WHAT HE DID!





































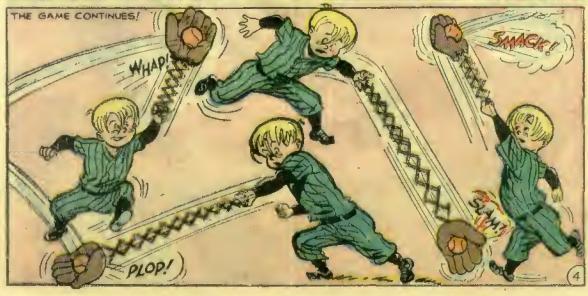






















































" SO DON'T BELIEVE ME!"



BLOWING THE GAME

A big league manager once blew his nose and as a result caused his team to blow the game as well. The incident happened to Lou Boudreau, manager of the Cleveland Indians, one day when he had a cold. His team was locked in a gruelling contest, and in a late inning the Indians had runners on first and second. It was a tense moment as the Cleveland Batter came to the plate: Suddenly, it seemed that everyone in the park was running for the next base.

One Cleveland player was thrown out at third and the other at second. The rally was over, and so was the ball game. Manager Lou Boudreau was furious. "Who signalled a double-steal?" he roared. "You did, boss," answered one of the culprits, "you took out your handkerchief and put it up to your face. Isn't that the sign for the steal?" It was.

SAFE BY A CAN

During a game between Cleveland and Boston in 1895 a ball was knocked into the outfield where it rolled into a tomato can that somehow had got onto the field. The outfielder Hughie Duffy saw the ball go into the can. He didn't fool with it, however, particularly since a runner was rounding third base headed for the home plate. Duffy picked up the can and let go a spiral pass all the way to home plate. "Safe!" yelled the umpire. When the inevitable howls arose,

"Safe!" yelled the umpire. When the inevitable howls arose, the official said simply, "They's nothin" in the rule book that says you can put out a runner by touchin' him with a tomater can."

WRONG WAY SCHAEFER

"Germany" Schaefer is the only baseball player to possess the unique distinction of having stolen first base. It happened while he was playing with the Detroit Tigers. He singled and stole second. Then, to everyone's surprise, he stole another base — only this time, just for a laugh, he retraced his steps, ran the wrong way, and stole first base. This stunt compelled the embarrassed lawmakers to write a rule into the books forbidding any ballplayer to steal first.

A JUICY CATCH

Wilbert Robinson, once manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was at one time geaded into betting \$100 that he could catch a baseball thrown from an airplane. It was agreed that Casey Stengel, than an outfielder with the team, was to go up in a rented plane and toss out a ball. When the time arrived Robinson planted himself in the middle of the baseball field and waited for Stengel, in a plane overhead, to drop the ball. Finally down came a spherical object and



Robinson set himself to snare it. However, unknown to him, it wasn't a ball that had been dropped from the plane. At the last moment a grapefruit had been substituted — just for a laugh. The fruit came down with tremendous speed, cracked poor, unsuspecting Robinson with a resounding thud, broke and squashed all over him. "Boys," he gasped, "I'd have caught that ball if there hadn't been a cloud-burst just before I got my hands on it." Hours afterward Wilbert Robinson discovered that he had been the butt of a joke.

A STINGING EXIT

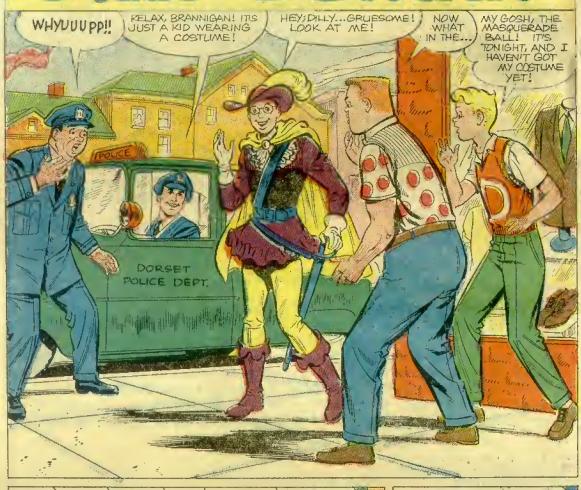
One of the strangest events in the annals of baseball took place at Evansville, Indiana, in the year 1895. Midway in the game a dark cloud floated over the right field fence and moved down on the outfielder from the rear. The outfielder let out a yell and raced toward the infield with the mysterious dark cloud following close behind. The infield players fell to the ground and began rolling in the grass. The puzzled spectators in the stands finally got the idea and made a wild rush for the exit as the angry cloud, which proved to be bees, fell upon anyone in reach. It was the first time in history that a ball game was called an account of bees.

THE MYSTERY PLAY

Seldom does a baseball game end as a no decision affair such as the one played between Atlanta and Chattanaoga in 1940. Chattanaoga had the bases loaded when the next man up hit to the outfield. The ball was thrown toward the plate but it took a bounce and sailed right into the pocket of the umpire behind the plate. The startled umpire spilled half a dozen balls from the pocket — and the catcher grabbed the first ball he could reach, and dove for the plate to cut off

the incoming runner. The umpire ruled that the ball the anxious catcher had taken was not the ball in play and therefore the runner was safe. At this point the fans spilled out on the field and chased the umpire out of the park. Safely ensconsed in his hotel room, the umpire ruled that the game was no-decision and had to be replayed.

in " HISS AND MAKE UP!"































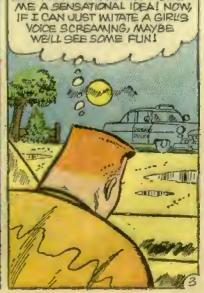






HALF A HORSE! WHAT AN

EMBARRASSING ... AND



SAY! A POLICE CAR...THAT GIVES













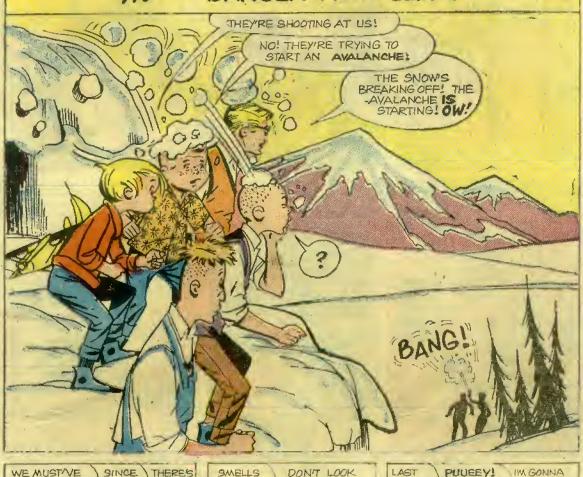






The LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN " DANGER FROM BELOW"





















































































































































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